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NOTE FOR: Executive Director
FROM: DCI
SUBJECT: Recommendations of the
Dissemination Task Force

Is there any further action to be
taken on this?

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Action of the Recommendations of the Dissemination Task Force

1. In September 1984, the Agency conducted a review of the dissemination of intelligence products which resulted in four specific recommendations:

- Keep briefings on sensitive subjects to an absolute minimum, and control and document those briefings that are essential.
- Examine certain questions regarding the use of briefings.
- Conduct a zero-base review of dissemination lists and institute periodic reviews in the future.
- Seek ways to increase the personal accountability of external recipients of sensitive intelligence.

You expressed particular interest in the first and third of these actions; this note is to apprise you of our progress. (S)

2. Overall, I think we are achieving what's desired: an invigoration of the need-to-know concept, and tightened accountability for our products. The directorates have scrubbed dissemination lists, have established processes for revisiting these lists periodically, and are implementing new controls over select products. (U)

3. The specific actions taken on those recommendations you desired to expedite include:

- tightening of review procedures for DI briefings to government officials with emphasis on protection of sources and methods,
- continuation of very tight controls in the DS&T with respect to briefings on their sensitive technical activities, and
- reviews of dissemination lists, especially for DI machine distribution, and the implementation of procedures for conducting semi-annual reviews hereafter. (C)

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